

1995 Hall of Fame Inductee

Dr. Virgil O. Martinson

Dr. Virgil O. Martinson was born in Colfax, WI and graduated from Colfax High School. He graduated from UW-River Falls in 1948 and received his Masters Degree from UW-Madison in 1956 and his Doctorate in 1970. He taught vocational agriculture at Auburndale High School from 1948-1951, and at Marshfield Senior High School from 1951-1972.

Virgil was the Supervisor for Agriculture Education at the Department of Public Instruction from 1972-1983 and State FFA Executive Secretary from 1983-1985. He was also active in the FFA Alumni Association, serving as the Secretary of the Wisconsin FFA Alumni Association from 1986-91 and the Executive Secretary from 1986-91. He served as the national FFA Alumni President in 1991-92 and was the Second Vice President of the Wisconsin FFA Alumni Association and the sponsor of the V.O. Martinson State FFA Alumni Award for Membership Increase in 1996. He received the Outstanding Achievement Award from the National FFA Alumni Association in 1987.

Virgil was the recipient of the Honorary State and American FFA Degrees, the Wisconsin FFA Blue and Gold Award, the NVATA Regional Citation for Outstanding Service, the State of Wisconsin Special Citation, the Wisconsin Junior Dairy Association Distinguished Agriculturist Award, and the VIP Award from the National FFA Association

Virgil is a member of the Stoughton First Lutheran Church and is currently active in the Gideon Organization, the Stoughton Housing Authority, and is Vice President of the Ygerasil Literary Society in Madison.

Virgil and his wife, Ann, have five children, Thomas, Timothy, Kristi, Kathleen, and Kara. They also have five grandchildren.